

## KDHE Seeks Applications for Pollution Prevention Awards Program

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) encourages businesses, community organizations and individuals to apply for the 2006 Pollution Prevention Awards and Recognition Program. The application deadline is June 16. Pollution Prevention (P2) includes many activities that reduce or prevent the generation of pollutants and waste.

“There are some very innovative individuals, businesses and organizations in our state that are making a difference in pollution prevention,” said KDHE Secretary Roderick L. Bremby. “We encourage these individuals and groups to apply so we can recognize them for their efforts and model their achievements to inspire others. Kansas is a beautiful state and we must all work together to reduce pollution so Kansas can continue to be a healthy place to live for generations to come.”

An independent committee of university staff and community and business representatives will judge the applications. KDHE will make the final awards. Applications are not competitive.

KDHE recognizes applicants that demonstrate exceptional leadership in environmental stewardship in six categories. Applicants should define their achievements accordingly.

**Pollution Prevention:** Awards are presented for projects that use source reduction processes or techniques to reduce pollution releases to air, water and land. This includes changing the process, material or technology to reduce waste.

**Energy Efficiency:** Awards are presented for projects or programs that reduce energy consumption or show the benefits of a renewable resource or technology.

**Technology Innovation:** Awards are presented for projects or programs that develop or apply new and innovative technologies to improve environmental quality and protect public health and safety.

**Environmental Management System:** Awards are presented for projects or programs that show compliance assurance, source reduction, energy and natural resource conservation from the implementation of an environmental management system.

**Recycling:** Awards are presented for projects or programs that encourage the reuse or recycling of industrial and municipal waste, with emphasis given to on-site reuse or recycling.

**Education and Outreach:** Awards are presented to projects or programs that show significant results in environmental protection. Emphasis will be given to those projects or programs that are being replicated by others. Programs may be external, such as outreach or media campaigns, or may be internal programs such as employee education programs.

Applications must be submitted for the awards program by June 16. Awards will be presented at the annual Kansas Environmental Conference in August. The application is available on the KDHE Web site at [www.kdheks.gov/sbcs](http://www.kdheks.gov/sbcs). For more information, contact the KDHE Small Business/Community Support - Bureau of Environmental Field Services, Division of Environment at 1-800-357-6087, or e-mail [ccolglaz@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:ccolglaz@kdhe.state.ks.us).